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Re: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request #19-OIG-F-00621/2019-45

Dear Ms. Crose:

This letter concerns a June 25, 2019, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request that you submitted to the NASA FOIA Office at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California. Your request was referred to the NASA Office of Inspector General (OIG) for processing, as it seeks records of the NASA OIG, and was assigned tracking number 19-OIG-F-00621/2019-45. Pursuant to the FOIA (5 U.S.C. § 552), you requested certain NASA OIG investigative documents. Specifically you requested:

[A]ny investigative records related to the hacking of a JPL controlled raspberry pi relevant to the attached [news] report in any recorded format. Please include memorandums, email exchanges, and other relevant slideshow presentations or detailed documentation between investigative teams and leadership with regards to this hack.

Your request referenced a June 24, 2019, news story titled "Raspberry Pi used to steal data from Nasa lab," which was published on the web site <https://www.bbc.com>. That news story was reporting on findings contained in a June 18, 2019, audit report published by the NASA OIG, *Cybersecurity Management and Oversight at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory* (IG-19-022). This report can be found at: <https://oig.nasa.gov/docs/IG-19-022.pdf>

Associated responsive records from the investigative file are non-releasable based upon the exemption at 5 U.S.C. §552 (b)(7)(A), which authorizes the withholding of records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes to the extent that production of such law enforcement records or information could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings. In making the decision to publish certain details concerning the April 2018 cyberattack which is the subject of your request, the NASA OIG had to carefully weigh the

competing interests of Governmental transparency and investigative confidentiality. OIG Audit Report IG-19-022 strikes the appropriate balance between those important interests. However, release of investigative records could reasonably be expected to interfere with ongoing law enforcement investigation of that matter.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV 2010). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

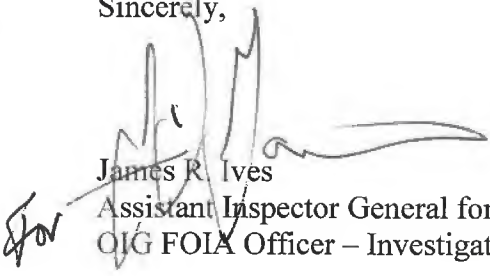
You may contact our FOIA Public Liaison, Francis P. LaRocca at 202-358-2575 for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

You also have the right to appeal this initial determination to the Deputy Inspector General. Pursuant to 14 CFR §1206.700(b), the appeal must (1) be in writing; (2) be addressed to the following:

NASA, Office of Inspector General  
Headquarters  
300 E Street, SW, Suite 8V39  
Washington, D.C. 20546-0001  
Attn: George A. Scott, Deputy Inspector General;

(3) be identified clearly on the envelope and in the letter as "Freedom of Information Act Appeal"; (4) include a copy of the request for the Agency record and a copy of the adverse initial determination; (5) to the extent possible, state the reasons why the requester believes the adverse initial determination should be reversed; and (6) must be postmarked and sent to the Deputy Inspector General within 90 calendar days of the date of receipt of the initial determination.

Sincerely,



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